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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 10, 1995. The main farming activities for the week included: harvesting row crops, peanuts, sweetpotatoes and hay. Most cotton acreage has been sprayed with defoliants, and harvesting has begun. Soybean loopers and armyworms are affecting soybean fields in some areas of the state. Soils are very dry, but later maturing crops and pastures could still benefit from rain. Fall seeding is being delayed due to the dry soils. Cattlemen are feeding hay, and some are watering stock. Soil moisture conditions were rated 38 percent very short, 54 percent short, 8 percent adequate.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1994	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Mature	95	88	94	89	0	6	39	44	11
	Harvested	68	45	45	40					
	Silage Harvested	96	80	89	84					
Cotton	Open Bolls	83	65	76	63	8	19	24	42	7
	Harvested	3	---	1	2					
Rice	Mature	91	84	82	64	2	14	39	40	5
	Harvested	61	34	33	21					
Sorghum	Turning Color	90	88	100	94	1	7	34	46	12
	Mature	79	66	91	78					
	Harvested	51	45	56	43					
	Silage Harvested	71	65	65	75					
Soybeans	Turning Color	58	43	48	36	6	17	30	40	7
	Shedding Leaves	35	23	26	13					
	Harvested	14	---	---	---					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	96	94	---	---	4	21	40	29	6
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	10	21	51	36	0	0	19	79	2
Peanuts	Planted	23	---	3	29	0	11	30	59	0
Cattle						2	10	30	47	11
Pasture						14	25	34	24	3

### County Agent Comments

"Some cotton has been harvested. Rice harvest is going well. Yields will not be bin busters, but will be good. Rain would still help later maturing soybeans."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"Soils are very dry. Cotton that wasn't damaged by tobacco budworms has begun to open. Pastures need rain badly. Soybeans need rain to fill pods. Soybean loopers and armyworms have moved into soybean and sweet potato fields."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Corn harvest is 75% complete with good yields reported. Ideal hay harvesting conditions have allowed producers to almost complete this year's crop. Soybeans and pastures are needing rain. The poor cotton crop is not quite ready for harvest."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Dry conditions are hurting the soybean yield potential. Some producers are considering cutting beans for hay. We have not received significant rain since the first week of August."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

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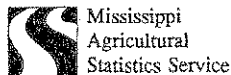
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Weather Summary From September 4, 1995 to September 10, 1995 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	92	62	75	77	-2	0.28	-0.46	1	0.28				0.14
Cleveland	94	63	77			0.18		1	0.18				
Tunica	91	59	73	76	-4	0.38	-0.29	1	0.38				
Extreme/Average	94	59	75	77	-2	0.28	-0.43	1	0.28				0.14
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	90	58	72	74	-3	0.26	-0.40	2	0.81	91	70	79	0.14
Memphis	91	63	75	78	-3	0.26	-0.52	1	0.53				
Oxford	92	59	74	76	-1	0.24	-0.60	2	0.71				
Extreme/Average	92	58	73	76	-2	0.25	-0.51	2	0.68	91	70	79	0.14
3. Northeast													
Booneville	89	59	74	76	-2	0.00	-0.69	0	0.31				
Corinth													
Iuka	88	54	71			0.26		1	1.78				
Pontotoc				76		0.02	-0.79	1	0.85				0.12
Tupelo	90	59	74	77	-3	0.00	-0.50	0	1.11				
Verona	93	57	74			0.00		0	0.86	90	73	81	0.15
Extreme/Average	93	54	73	76	-3	0.06	-0.61	0	0.98	90	73	81	0.14
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	93	57	74	78	-4	0.10	-0.50	1	0.17	95	80	88	
Greenwood	94	59	76	78	-2	0.00	-0.53	0	0.35				
Rolling Fork	92	58	74			0.18	-0.47	1	0.18	100	82	90	0.14
Stoneville	92	59	74	77	-3	0.43	-0.44	1	1.19	91	70	81	0.23
Yazoo City	93	62	76	79	-3	0.02	-0.67	1	0.38				
Extreme/Average	94	57	75	78	-3	0.16	-0.52	1	0.45	100	70	86	0.18
5. Central													
Carthage	92	55	73	77	-4	0.00	-0.70	0	0.04				
Jackson	93	60	75	79	-3	0.00	-0.99	0	0.32				
Winona						0.00	-0.82	0	0.00				
Extreme/Average	93	55	74	78	-4	0.00	-0.84	0	0.12				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	94	63	79			0.00	-0.86	0	0.70				
Columbus	91	58	74			0.00		0	0.04				
State University	97	58	76	77	-2	0.00	-0.73	0	0.00	87	75	81	
Extreme/Average	97	58	76	77	-1	0.00	-0.80	0	0.25	87	75	81	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	95	60	78			0.00		0	0.20	89	80	85	
Natchez	90	60	76	79	-3	0.05	-0.82	1	4.12				
Oakley	93	67	77			0.00	-0.50	0	0.32	92	58	82	
Vicksburg													
Extreme/Average	95	57	77	79	-2	0.02	-0.67	0	1.55	92	58	84	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	98	58	78	79	-1	0.00	-1.29	0	0.16				
McComb	95	57	77	78	-1	0.00	-1.27	0	2.26				
Extreme/Average	98	57	78	79	-1	0.00	-1.28	0	1.21				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	101	58	79			0.03		1	0.16	103	59	86	
Hattiesburg	95	61	78	79	-1	0.00	-1.15	0	3.67				
Laurel													
Meridian	93	57	75	78	-3	0.00	-1.00	0	0.37				
Newton	93	55	75	77	-2	0.00	-1.08	0	0.66	96	74	84	0.18
Extreme/Average	101	55	77	78	-1	0.01	-1.07	0	1.22	103	59	85	0.18
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis	95	61	79			0.80		1	1.10				
Biloxi	94	69	82	80	+2	2.06	+0.02	1	2.43				
Gulfport	92	65	79	80	-1	0.59	-1.61	2	1.29				
Pascagoula	91	61	76	81	-4	1.01	-1.13	1	1.38				
Poplarville	95	61	79	79	+1	0.28	-1.24	1	2.68	100	74	86	0.23
Extreme/Average	95	61	79	80	-1	0.95	-1.03	1	1.78	100	74	86	0.23
State	101	54	76	78	-2	0.17	-0.78	1	0.85	103	58	83	0.17

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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